



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well and that you enjoyed the half term break.

We have had an exciting first week back in school with our first class retreats with Miss McFerran, Indian dance lessons and celebrating Mass for the Feast of All Saints.

Our Catholic Mission

Mrs Glassford and Mrs Marshall led our Weekly Word assemblies this week and revisited our five school rules. We set the highest standards of behaviour at Christ the King for our pupils because we know that pupil behaviour is strongly correlated to educational outcomes. Therefore, we will continue our work on the Behaviour Curriculum this half term by reviewing some of the behaviours and routines that we taught the children at the beginning of the year.

We teach our children the importance of being focused in class. This is captured in our acronym **SLANT**. Please see the poster below.

We also teach them to speak with confidence and articulate their answers and questions in class 'Loud and Proud'. This is captured in our acronym **SHAPE**. We want children to speak in full sentences, loudly and clearly so that everyone can hear what they say. It would be wonderful if you could support us by encouraging good SHAPE answers at home too!



All Souls in November

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We are praying for people we know that have died. Please send into school the names of any family members or friends who you would like us to pray for during November.

Parish Links

Thank you to all those parents who joined us for Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints at Mother of God on Friday. The Year 5 children led the Mass and Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils joined them. Thank you to Fr Hans and the parishioners of Mother of God for inviting us.



A message from our new School Chaplain:

Hi there! My name is Lydia and I am the new Lay Chaplain here at Christ The King. It has been amazing getting into school properly this half term and I am so excited for all the wonderful things the chaplaincy team and I have planned for this coming year ahead. I had a wonderful first day on Tuesday this week leading two mini retreats for some year 4 and 5 students. We focused on Advent and how we Encounter God during the season of waiting for Christmas. What a Blessed day. We will keep you updated on what we get up to through this newsletter, social media and our 'True spirit' blog.

Pupil Leadership

At CTK we give the children many opportunities to lead and take responsibility.

We would like to congratulate and welcome the pupils who have been successfully voted into their new role as Eco Warriors. Junior Eco Warriors have had two meetings already and discussed their missions for the year and decided on their specific roles within the team. Infant Eco Warriors will be having their first meeting next week. Our work this year will be based on a quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race".

Meet our Eco Warriors!

CTK Infants

1ER	Maria
1RG/SF	Janell
1LW/KB	Nathan
2KK/RH	Mikayla
2NT	Roel
2SN	Masimba

CTK Juniors

3GH	Cyrus
3KR	Annabel
3HB	Ruby
4HD	Neto
4GO	Anna
4TP	David
5SE	Olly Z
5AL	Ignacy
5SF	Evan
6LS	Danny
6SB	Emily
6EA	Kuba



Head of School Awards

Infant Site	Azari (1ER)
Junior Site	Freddie (3KR)

Congratulations to Azari and Freddie who received the Head of School awards this week from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Glassford.

Attendance

Attendance is a key priority for our school because we know that excellent attendance and punctuality are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. The school's target is 97%. Our whole school attendance last half term was **97.7%** This is very good indeed!

Year group attendance rates for the Advent 1 Term were:

Year Group	Advent 1 Term Attendance
Reception	96.9%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.1%

Please ensure that children are in school every day on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new half term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and parents will receive a fixed term penalty notice from the Local Authority.

CTK Experience

Year 1 Indian Dancing

On Monday, Year 1 had a special visitor called Sunita who came into school to tell the children about a festival that she celebrates called Diwali. She taught them about Hindu beliefs and the children listened to the story of Diwali. The children had the chance to dress up in Indian style clothes and tried some traditional Indian dances.



Table Tennis Competition

Before half term, we entered a table-tennis competition and for some of our players it was the first time they had played in any kind of competition. The children selected to take part in this event were a group of children who regularly attend the fantastic Table Tennis club run by Mrs Cranston during lunchtime. In true Christ the King style, our children played with passion and the determination not to give up. We may not have won the tournament but they received the reward of having great fun!



CTK Experience

Extracurricular clubs

Over a third of our children at CTK have accessed an extracurricular club already this year. Our mission is for *all* of our children to find something to participate in that they love so they can develop their God-given talents and interests.

This week was the final session of Year 3/4 comic club. The children worked incredibly hard over the 6 weeks and produced some truly amazing stories showing creativity and commitment. Miss Orrill enjoyed reading every single one!



This half term, we have more fantastic clubs including: Christmas crafts, multi-sports, photography, play pals, running club, lunchtime prayer led by our chaplaincy team and many more. This is part of our CTK Experience.

The CTK Experience details the provision that every pupil will experience at CTK beyond the formal educational Curriculum. You can read more about this [here](#)

Parent Reading Workshop for Key Stage 1 and Reception.

It was wonderful to see so many parents passionate about reading and attending the Early Reading Parent Workshop on our Infant Site this week. Mrs Riley has shared the PowerPoint slides across Arbor if you were unable to attend. You can also access them [here](#).

Reading is very important at CTK. A love of reading and a rich diet of story, rhyme and song are central to the children's learning from their very first day. From Reception to Year 6, all children experience lively and engaging reading of high-quality texts daily. We say to the children every week: "The more you read, the more you know..." as reading is proven to be the biggest indicator of academic success. Thank you as always for your support.



Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year. Poppies and associated items are be available from the school offices.



Children can purchase items during break time from the school office.

Parents can also call by the office to purchase items.

Please note that NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN, so please bring only the money you intend to donate.

Year 6 Parent Meeting for Residential Trip to Alton Castle

There will be a Year 6 Parent Meeting on **Tuesday 5th November at 14:30** regarding the residential trip to Alton Castle. The meeting will take place in the Junior Hall. The Year 6 teachers will share the agenda and kit list and there will be opportunities for you to discuss any questions you may have. The slides will be provided for any parents who cannot attend.

Mrs Boyd is raising money for our Year 6 Pupils

Over the upcoming weeks, Mrs Boyd is taking on a jogging/walking challenge to raise money for extra-curricular opportunities for ALL children in Year 6. She has a target of 150km to jog/walk by the end of November and all the money raised will be divided equally between the 90 pupils in Year 6. This money will then be donated towards further experiences for our Year 6 children.

So far, £510 has been raised and Mrs Boyd has already completed 35km! The children in Year 6 will already benefit from the current total but we would love to increase this pot by even more.

Please find further details of this fundraiser on the link below and thank you in advance for your support!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-boyd-4?utm_term=eAy5NdMMe



Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association

Friends of Christ the King Parents' Association are looking for volunteers! Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5th November at 6.15pm** on the Infant Site. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Reception. Whilst coming together as a community for many occasions (the discos, cinema nights, BBQ), our PTA raises around £6,500 every year. This money helps to improve our school for your children. Please come along to see if you can help.

Primary School Applications.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school **and** complete the Local authority form online. The school form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of Monday 15th January 2024. You can view our admission policy on the website [here](#)

Online Safety

Please click the [link](#) to view the information guide on *Age Restrictions*, and how these restrictions can be used to support parents/carers in making informed decisions about what their child should access online.

Thought for the Week

"...The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"

Romans 6 v 23

God bless,

Mrs Carter and the CTK Team



Dates for the term ahead

Wed 6th November	Librarian visiting EYFS @ 9:00am
Friday 8th November	2NT Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall 9:00 am Parents welcome
W/B 11th November	Anti-Bullying Week: CHOOSE RESPECT
Monday 11th November	Chaplaincy team Remembrance Celebration of the word - Parents Welcome: 9:00am Infants 2:15pm Juniors
Tuesday 12th November	Odd sock Day - Everyone is invited to wear Odd Socks!
Tuesday 12th November	Stone Age Day in Year 3
Wed 13th November	FIT Team Coffee Morning—Support your child with Reading Infant Site @ 8:45-10:00am — Parents welcome
Thursday 14th Nov –21st Nov	Travelling Book Fair at School
Friday 15th November	2KK/RH Class Poetry Recital—Infant Hall @ 9:00am Parents welcome
Monday 18th November	Worry Assemblies on both sites
Friday 22nd November	National Youth Funday
Friday 22nd November	CTK Feast and Mission Day
Sunday 24th November	Feast of Christ the King Family Mass Blessed Sacrament @ 9:30am Children to attend in school uniform
Tuesday 26th November	Pantomime trips for Year 3 - 6 @ Loughborough Town Hall - arrival back to school at approximately 4:30pm
Thursday 28th November	5SE Class Poetry Recital— Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
<u>Friday 29th November</u>	<u>TRUST-WIDE INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</u>
Tues 3rd and Wed 4th December	Year 1 & Year 2 trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve: Pirates Love Underpants
Wednesday 4th December	Junior Advent Celebration of the word @ 2:15pm
Thursday 5th December	Infant Advent Celebration of the word @ 9:00am



Dates for the term ahead continued.....

Friday 6th December	5SF Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Friday 6th December	Menphys Carol Concert (evening)
Saturday 7th December	PTA Christmas Fair 11:00 –14:00 All Families welcome. <i>If you are able to help please contact the school office.</i>
11th—13th December	Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle
Tuesday 10th December	Reception Christmas Carols @9:15am Parents welcome
Wed 11th December	Reception Christmas Carols @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm Parents welcome
Wed 11th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9:15am Parents welcome
Tuesday 10th December	Year 1 Workshops with the School Nurse - Healthy Lifestyles
Friday 13th December	EYFS trip - Christmas Performance at the Curve
Friday 13th December	5AL Class Poetry Recital—Junior Hall @ 2:15pm Parents welcome
Monday 16th December	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Junior Hall @ 2:00pm Parents welcome. Christian Meditation Infants
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 and 4 @ 12:45– 1:45pm Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 and 6 @ 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 3 and 4 @ 9:00 - 10:00am Christmas Carol Concerts: Year 5 and 6 @ 10:15 –11:15am
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Infant Christmas Parties
Thursday 19th December	PTA Junior Christmas Discos Year 3 and Year 4 @ 5:00-6:00pm Year 5 and Year 6 @ 6:15-7:15pm
Friday 20th December	End of day—school closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	School reopens